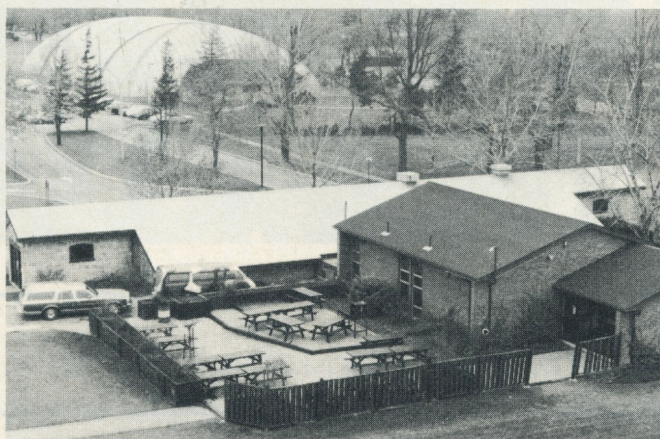


A New Dimension

\$4,000,000 Student Centre ready to bloom



The "Arnie" — A beginning

They have been talking about it for quite some time now.

Who are "they"?

Well, in this case, "they"

refers to the College Board of Governors, the Board of Directors of the Students' Union Corporation, the administration, the student governments, the students, and faculty and, yes, even the alumni of Mohawk College.

The word "it" refers to a full-fledged, honest to goodness, *Student Centre*.

Some of us can even recall the talk going as far back as 1969.

Remember 1969? That was the year that man placed his first step on the moon. It was the year that a rock festival, held on a 600-acre farm in Woodstock, New York, turned into an event of such magnitude that some of its effects can still be *witnessed today*. And, it was a year when the Fennell campus, the whole Fennell campus, still smelled new — almost "brand spanking" new.

Even back then, there was talk about building a place that would belong to the students; a place that would provide a balance to the academic, practical side of student life.

The student lounge and the cafeteria were comfortable. The gym was fun. And, there were plenty of cosy little gathering places all through the building; but a student centre — a place where students belonged and others were guests — that was an appealing thought.

What about that old root cellar on the front lawn? Or, was it

a wine cellar? Now, there was a possibility. Mohawk's own "Rathskellar"!

In the fall of 1974, talk became a reality. The Students'

Union Corporation had completed its first building project. The Arnold Centre was born. What had been a crumbling old cellar with too much personality to be bulldozed over, had become a place that the students could call their own; and one to be proud of, at that. It was even named after a former student (a fellow alumnus, the late Albert Arnold).

The day the "Arnie" opened its doors and welcomed the first of what has been many students was a momentous occasion in the history of Mohawk College. To dispel any question of that, simply ask anyone who graduated prior to that date. Appropriately, it is a "root cellar" that will go down in our Alma Mater's history as the beginning of one of its most significant "roots".

The seedling is almost ready to bloom.

On Wednesday, November 8th, 1983, the College's Board of Governors approved the Students' Union Corporation's proposal for the architectural design, location and overall purpose and intent of a "full-fledged" student centre. Construction is scheduled to begin this spring or summer, with a completion date set for the fall of 1985.

"The perseverance of Mohawk's past Students' Union members will now accommodate the needs of our students for many years to come. This centre is the end result of a lot of hard work and dedication from all levels within the college."